

Appl. No.: 10/646,427

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 remain on this application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 1-3 to be anticipated by Hsu #5,372,217, Lee #5,785,147, Shupp, Jr. #6,129,178, and Cranswick et al #5,893,431. Claims 1-2 have now been amended to correct editorial errors and clear up any matters of form.

Claim 1 has been amended for the following reasons:
Hsu claims frame members, collapsible ladder, hinged door and step. Hsu's patent does not provide a platform on which a person can stand before descending the ladder.

Lee's patent also does not claim to provide a platform for a person to stand before descending the ladder. Lee's patent also utilizes a rigid frame for the ladder system. This also differs as the word flexible has been added to claim 1 in the application in question.

Shupp's patent claims a door with collapsible ladder. It does not provide a platform on the exterior of the dwelling to stand. The door is hinged vertically and is not supported via nylon straps.

Cranswick's patent utilizes a rigid ladder on which you can ascend to a window. This is opposite the application in question since it provides a ladder to descend from an upper story window. It also provides a flexible ladder system and a platform on the exterior of the dwelling.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted

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